MR. A. G. MUDRACHAPPA.—For some years past, the rainfall in the district has been very scanty and both people and cattle are suffering very much. Is this not the most opportune time for taking up this project?

MR. N. N. AYYANGAR.—The matter is under consideration.

MR. D. S. MALLAPPA.—What is the cost of the project?

MR. N. N. AYYANGAR.—About three lakhs of rupees.

MR. D. S. MALLAPPA.—Why is it that in spite of the fact that so many engineers have inspected the work, it has not been taken on hand yet?

MR. N. N. AYYANGAR.—It is a large scheme and naturally it takes time to work up all the necessary details.

MR. D. S. MALLAPPA.—Even after it was considered necessary, why was it delayed?

MR. N. N. AYYANGAR.—Ways and means of financing the scheme are engaging attention.

MR. M. C. LINGE GOWDA.—What is the return expected from the project?

MR. N. N. AYYANGAR.—3·4 per cent.

MR. M. C. LINGE GOWDA.—Are there not other projects which are pending and which are likely to yield a larger return?

MR. N. N. AYYANGAR.—Yes, but this is proposed to be taken up, as this work is situated in an area liable to famine.

Prevention of Slaughter of Cows.

MR. L. VEMA REDDY (Malur Taluk).—*Q.*—20. Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) What were the recommendations of the Committee appointed by Government to enquire and report on the subject of prevention of slaughter of cows in the State?

(*b*) Which of the recommendations made by the said Committee were accepted by them?

THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (MR. K. V. ANANTARAMAN).—*A.*—(*a*) The Committee recommended that legislation be limited to the prohibition of the slaughter of all heifers, cows in milk and cows in calf.

(*b*) None of the recommendations of the Committee was accepted by Government and it was not considered either necessary or expedient to undertake legislation.

MR. L. VEMA REDDY.—Why is it that the recommendations of the Committee have not been accepted by Government?

MR. K. V. ANANTARAMAN.—It is not considered practicable to do so.

MR. L. VEMA REDDY. What are the practical difficulties in the way of their acceptance?

MR. K. V. ANANTARAMAN.—We cannot state them.

MR. L. VEMA REDDY.—Is not this law in force in some of the States in Northern India?

MR. K. V. ANANTARAMAN.—Notice.

MR. L. VEMA REDDY.—Will the Government be pleased to enquire in what States similar legislation is in force?

MR. K. V. ANANTARAMAN.—There is no object to be gained by such an enquiry so long as it is not possible to adopt similar legislation here.

MR. L. VEMA REDDY.—Has not the non-acceptance of the recommendations of the Committee by the Government created dissatisfaction among the Hindus?

MR. K. V. ANANTARAMAN.—May be; I do not know.

MR. L. VEMA REDDY.—Is not this law in force in Hyderabad?

MR. K. V. ANANTARAMAN.—We do not know.

MR. L. VEMA REDDY.—If it is in force in other provinces, will the Government introduce similar legislation here also?

MR. K. V. ANANTARAMAN.—No.

MR. L. VEMA REDDY.—Will the introduction of such legislation lead to any difficulties?

MR. K. V. ANANTARAMAN.—Possibly.

MR. L. VEMA REDDY.—Do Government consider it a sin to prohibit the slaughter of cows?

MR. K. V. ANANTARAMAN.—No.

MR. L. VEMA REDDY.—If not in a Hindu State administered by a Musalman Dewan, where else could this